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Subject: URGENT UPDATE - MTO ENFORCEMENT

Good evening team,

I've been in meeting with OPP leadership most of today and wanted to provide you some critical updates that will impact all of you.

As you may already be aware, there are protests that are taking place at various sites across Ontario. Many of these protests involve Commercial Motor Vehicles and some are taking place on the provinces highway network. The protest situation has great potential to ramp up in the coming days and we are looking for assistance once again from our MTO Enforcement Officers for this all hands on deck approach with overtime being offered.

The situation is very dynamic but we expect that there maybe the need to deploy MTO Enforcement Officers to areas across the province that require support. Shifts maybe longer, overtime will be offered and officers will be provided accommodations if any are asked to be deployed to parts of the province that require support.

Moving forward, MTO Enforcement Officers will be Provincial Asset's which are available to the OPP Incident Command to deploy as needed for the purposes of the ongoing protests, CVSA subject matter expertise and road safety. MTO Enforcement Officers would report through the OPP incident command structure and to OPP leads.

The role that MTO Officers would do can include: patrolling highways as a deterrent, provide intelligence on highways, be a subject matter expert on CMVs for the OPP, Provide CMV expertise to municipal police services and OPP, CVSA inspections, dangerous goods support and providing other support as required. The work will be coordinated through OPP Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and MTO Enforcement Officers will be fully embraced within the OPP incident command for deployment and dispatch to calls. Health and Safety will be of the utmost importance and we are working together with the OPP to ensure this is prioritized with the OPP. MTO Enforcement Officers will NOT be doing any crowd control or engage in Public Order. That is the responsibility of the municipal police services and OPP. We don't have all of the answers to questions that many of you may have. The situation is developing and very dynamic.

We have been working very closely already with the OPP during the GTA storm and more recently during the various convoy protests. We operate closely with the OPP already and are already partners with them through PCC. I know this request is not our regular day to day work, but as your Director I also know that all of your are immensely talented and we need to support our partners in the OPP and other enforcement partners when needed. That's why I'm confident in your ability to do this as you have demonstrated going above and beyond during the COVID-19 provincial border closure, ROA work and much more.

All requests for MTO enforcement assistance will be going through OPP EOC moving forward. Ontario Police Chiefs are being advised of this this evening.

Though I know the majority of you would be willing and able to support our OPP partners in this emergent situation, I also want to make sure our approach is inclusive. By participating you maybe asked to work longer hours, long days, work overtime on regular days off. Days and weeks maybe long. We are unsure how long this will go on for. It maybe weeks given the fluid nature of the current environment and protests across the province.

It is imperative that you please let your DEM know ASAP if you DO NOT intend to participate in this if and when called upon.

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